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Addendum

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II. Calendar of conferences and meetings

B. Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2003

Introduction and overview

1. At its 443rd and 444th meetings, on 9 September 2002, the Committee on Conferences reviewed the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2003 (A/57/228/Add.1 and 2).

Discussion

2. The view was expressed that integrated management of the calendar of conferences across duty stations was an area of great potential for streamlining. In preparing the calendar for 2004-2005, the Secretariat could be more proactive in scheduling meetings outside the parallel peak periods and, if necessary, could call upon the Committee for support.

3. It was pointed out that, in addition to meetings financed from the regular budget, the calendar included meetings for which conference services were provided on a reimbursable basis and others for which the programme budget implications had not yet been reviewed by the Fifth Committee and approved by the General Assembly. It would be helpful for the Committee to be able to distinguish those categories when reviewing the calendar.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. **The Committee on Conferences recommended to the General Assembly that it should:**

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(a) Adopt the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2003, taking into account the various observations of the Committee and on the understanding that the budgetary implications of certain items, appropriately identified in the draft revised calendar, such as decisions and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council adopted at its 2002 substantive session and included in the calendar, would be reviewed by the responsible legislative bodies;

(b) Authorize the Committee to make any adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2003 that might become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

5. The Committee noted with satisfaction that, in drafting the revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2003, the Secretariat had taken into account the arrangements referred to in General Assembly resolutions 54/248, 55/222 and 56/242 concerning Orthodox Good Friday on 25 April 2003.

6. The Committee requested the Secretariat, when issuing the draft revised calendar for 2003, to identify the source of funding for each item.

7. The Committee invited the Secretary-General, when drafting the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2004-2005, to submit proposals aimed at further avoiding peak periods at the various duty stations.